

HYDROLOGICAL SUMMARY FOR GREAT BRITAIN MARCH 1990

Data for this review have been provided principally by the regional divisions of the National Rivers Authority in England and Wales, the River Purification Boards in Scotland and by the Meteorological Office. The recent areal rainfall figures are derived from a restricted network of raingauges and a significant proportion of the river flow data is of a provisional nature.

For a fuller appreciation of the water resources implications, this hydrological review should be considered alongside assessments of the current reservoir storage and water demand situations in each region.

SUMMARY

March was a warm, dry month throughout most of Great Britain. Generally, river flows and groundwater levels declined steeply following the remarkable hydrological conditions experienced in February and significant soil moisture deficits developed in most lowland regions. On a regional basis, monthly runoff totals and groundwater levels in March were within the normal range for the spring. However, spatial variations were considerable and the water resources situation is very much healthier in the west than in parts of the eastern lowlands where rain-shadow influences have been very persistent. As a consequence, runoff and recharge rates - which are modest even in a typical year - have been below average in a few areas for the second successive winter and the resources outlook remains fragile.

RAINFALL

March was yet another month dominated by south-westerly winds. Unlike the mid-December to mid-February period however, the great majority of low pressure systems followed a northerly track remote from southern Britain. Rainfall was abundant only in Scotland where some extraordinary precipitation totals have been registered throughout the winter period. Much of eastern and southern Britain recorded less than half the average March rainfall and a few localities, for instance in east Kent, registered as little as 2 mm over the entire month.

For England and Wales as a whole provisional data indicate that March was the driest month for four years and had the fifth lowest March rainfall total this century. In many parts of lowland Britain a significant dry spell had extended to eight weeks by the second week of April.

The recent dry episode served to only partly counterbalance the exceptionally wet interlude which preceded it. Winter half-year rainfall totals are very close to, or above, average for all regions. The six-month precipitation total for Great Britain is 20 per cent above the 1941-70 mean and might be expected, on average, about once every ten years. Such frequency estimates - especially when based on standard tables derived using data up to 1970 only - need to be treated with caution in view of the exceptional clustering of wet winters in recent years. This is especially true of Scotland where the 1989/90 October-March rainfall total of 1004 mm ranks as the 3rd highest (after 1982 and 1988) on record. More remarkably, eight of the twelve wettest winters in a series extending back to 1869 have occurred over the last decade - for this period rainfall in Scotland is 20% greater than the 1941-70 mean.

Winter rainfall totals were far less extreme in England and Wales but the transformation in hydrological conditions over the period early-December to mid-February served to effectively terminate the drought in western and central areas. October-March rainfall totals, relative to the average, are lowest in eastern districts where significant local variability in rainfall patterns has also been evident. Not all long-term rainfall deficiencies have been eliminated and in the 17-month time-frame a substantial shortfall may still be recognised in Northumbria with significant deficiencies in parts of Yorkshire and the Southern NRA region. These deficiencies constitute a continuing severe meteorological drought in a few localities along the eastern seaboard of Britain.

EVAPORATION AND SOIL MOISTURE DEFICITS

The exceptionally mild conditions in March were conducive to relatively high rates of evaporation and, as a result, soil moisture deficits - which were non-existent in all but a few localities throughout most of February - began to build in March. By month-end, SMDs were significantly above average in central, southern and eastern England; this limits the potential for further aquifer recharge during the remainder of the spring.

Computed actual evaporation losses in 1990 have been between 30% and 40% above average over large areas of Britain. Normally January-March evaporation totals are very modest, typically 10-15% of the annual total. Any tendency for this proportion to increase will have significant water resources implications. Fortunately, over the full 1989/90 winter half-year the very truncated period during which soils were at field capacity - at least in southern and eastern Britain - resulted in actual evaporation falling somewhat short of the potential figure in the late autumn and early winter, thereby partially counteracting the impact of the subsequently high evaporation losses.

RIVER FLOWS

The meagre rainfall and unusually high evaporation rate led to a brisk decline in river discharges through March. Spatial variations in runoff rates were also considerable with catchment geology exercising a powerful influence on river flow patterns.

Although recessions became established in Scotland during late February most rivers remained in spate throughout much of March; both the Tay and Clyde established new record runoff totals for the month. By contrast, rivers draining impervious catchments in southern Britain exhibited steep recessions resulting in daily flow rates substantially below the spring average by early April. The monthly runoff in March for rivers such as the Medway (Kent) and the Mole (Surrey) has a return period of the order of 5-10 years. Modest runoff totals also characterise a number of eastern rivers sustained principally from baseflow - the Derwent (Yorkshire) and Lud (Lincolnshire) are examples. For such catchments the accumulated runoff total over periods extending up to 18-24 months are among the lowest on record. Typically, the combined winter half-year runoff for 1988/89 and 1989/90 is the lowest, for two successive winters, since the early 1970s; for the Derwent, winter runoff since October 1988 is unprecedented. Away from the eastern lowlands, long-term runoff totals are healthy especially over the six-month winter period and continuing substantial baseflow support (a consequence of the heavy recharge in early 1990) is evident in many central and southern catchments.

The abundant reservoir replenishment in virtually all areas during January and February implies that the water supply outlook is considerably more encouraging than the end-of-March river flows might, in isolation, imply. Certainly most regions are considerably better placed to withstand a summer drought than at the corresponding time in 1989. However, a continuation of the current recessions into the late spring could present difficulties in some eastern rivers particularly if spray irrigation demands increase steeply.

GROUNDWATER

Infiltration during March was greatly below average throughout most major aquifers. Nonetheless, groundwater levels stood within the normal range in most index boreholes. The extreme regional contrasts apparent during late February have been moderated. Steep declines in water levels have been recorded in many western and central aquifer units whilst belated responses to earlier infiltration have occurred in deeper boreholes in eastern areas where the recoveries are being generated from a very low base. Some further modest recoveries may be anticipated where a lengthy lag exists between rainfall and water table response but little further infiltration may now be expected before the autumn.

Groundwater levels at the beginning of the 1989-90 winter were inordinately low, particularly in some eastern and southern aquifers. A belated seasonal upturn generally began over the latter

part of December. However, apart from some western areas, groundwater levels were still well below average at the end of the year. During January, further heavy rainfall led to continued infiltration and consequent rises in groundwater level in the south-west and south of England, but the effects appear to have been much less marked in the extreme south-east, the north Midlands and the north-east. During February a remarkable increase in infiltration led to substantial rises in groundwater level as shown in the well hydrographs in Figure 3, (locations are shown in Figure 4). By the beginning of March 1990, the winter recharge had generally exceeded the mean values (Table 4), while groundwater levels stood at, or above, the seasonal means. Exceptions appeared to be in the Chalk of Yorkshire and in Kent where the groundwater levels remain considerably below the seasonal mean.

The unusually low rainfall of March inevitably led to a sharp decrease in infiltration. By the last week of March, groundwater levels were still rising at Little Bucket Farm, at Washpit Farm and at Dalton Holme; this is probably, at least in part, due to the prolonged lag between rainfall and consequent groundwater level recovery caused by the unusually depressed levels of the 1989-90 winter. Elsewhere, the rise in groundwater levels had levelled off, as at the New Red Lion site, or were falling. Unless unusually heavy rainfall is experienced during April, these downturns signal the commencement of the summer recessions.

Table 4 shows the percentage of the mean annual recharge as measured at seven indicator well sites. At those sites where the downturn in groundwater levels has already taken place, the 1989-90 recharge is within the range 100% to 150%. Recharge so far for the Little Bucket borehole in Kent is over 90% (but see below) however, as a consequence of the historically exceptional levels registered early in the winter, groundwater levels remain significantly below the spring average. In East Anglia (Washpit Farm) and Yorkshire (Dalton Holme), the recharge to the end of the month was 34% and 44% respectively; it is thought that for these districts, the 1989-90 recharge is unlikely to exceed at best 60% to 70% of the annual mean.

The overall picture is reassuring, and groundwater resources over most of the country are above, in some areas well above, the seasonal average. Although groundwater levels in parts of East Anglia and Yorkshire are still well below the seasonal mean, the situation is much less serious than had been suggested by the lack of recharge through the autumn and early winter. The network of index boreholes provides a broadly representative picture of aquifer storage in England. In some areas, however, local variations in recharge rates through the winter have been important and in several localities, parts of north Kent especially, little or no recovery in groundwater levels has yet been reported and the water supply outlook is a matter of concern.

ERRATA

Certain of the rainfall figures for Scotland given in the February Hydrological Summary were erroneous. Correct values are given in Table 1 and the corresponding return period assessments are quoted below.

Rainfall in Scotland	Feb 1990	Jan 90 - Feb 90	Dec 89 - Feb 90
mm	268	486	586
% of 41-70 mean	258	202	148
Est. return period (yrs)	>200	>200	50 - 100

IH/BGS

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TABLE 1 1989/90 RAINFALL AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE 1941-70 AVERAGE

		Feb	Mar 1989	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan 1990	Feb	Mar
England and Wales	mm	78	84	85	22	63	41	60	40	95	62	135	116	132	20
	%	120	142	147	33	103	56	66	48	114	64	150	135	203	34
NRA REGIONS															
North West	mm	123	113	92	33	102	34	118	28	136	75	103	178	171	39
	%	152	157	119	40	123	33	94	22	115	62	86	159	212	55
Northumbrian	mm	70	55	49	25	65	19	87	21	85	36	61	110	116	30
	%	106	106	89	39	107	25	86	26	113	38	81	138	176	46
Severn Trent	mm	65	69	87	23	53	37	40	37	83	51	126	113	109	19
	%	123	133	167	36	95	57	49	54	128	65	181	164	206	37
Yorkshire	mm	64	63	79	24	84	38	47	19	83	46	93	106	104	23
	%	100	119	141	39	145	54	52	27	120	52	126	138	162	43
Anglia	mm	34	48	74	14	62	44	37	29	43	37	95	52	77	16
	%	81	120	185	30	127	77	57	56	83	60	180	100	182	40
Thames	mm	60	65	77	14	46	38	40	32	66	37	134	86	110	12
	%	128	141	167	25	88	63	57	51	103	51	203	139	234	26
Southern	mm	62	75	81	11	50	32	28	29	80	44	137	110	132	5
	%	109	144	169	20	100	54	39	41	102	47	169	145	232	10
Wessex	mm	89	87	74	25	33	47	45	52	103	60	174	124	155	17
	%	151	150	137	37	61	76	55	66	126	62	193	147	263	33
South West	mm	135	115	92	18	38	36	63	99	141	97	192	181	215	25
	%	150	137	130	21	58	43	62	96	125	72	142	140	239	29
Welsh	mm	140	151	89	23	65	49	78	57	164	100	189	211	201	36
	%	146	174	103	25	79	52	66	46	127	70	130	155	209	41
Scotland	mm	239	188	71	58	84	60	181	89	173	62	100	218	268	183
	%	230	204	79	64	91	54	140	65	116	44	64	159	258	199
RIVER PURIFICATION BOARDS															
Highland	mm	355	233	60	68	90	66	222	118	252	83	107	290	364	382
	%	267	204	53	66	82	52	150	75	135	49	55	177	274	335
North-East	mm	113	83	54	59	57	25	84	57	87	30	61	100	145	96
	%	153	134	89	77	81	27	78	66	90	29	60	110	195	155
Tay	mm	197	173	45	42	58	31	140	84	135	53	87	230	249	160
	%	214	211	60	44	70	30	119	73	111	45	65	195	270	195
Forth	mm	158	151	44	36	64	27	142	69	112	38	78	210	221	121
	%	205	219	65	43	85	28	122	64	106	35	72	212	287	175
Tweed	mm	105	105	48	43	51	23	114	47	67	30	72	158	180	59
	%	152	181	79	57	75	27	100	51	76	29	80	170	260	102
Solway	mm	157	195	87	35	71	43	177	78	146	58	117	270	282	100
	%	169	214	99	38	79	39	136	52	101	40	77	193	303	110
Clyde	mm	262	229	82	46	90	64	249	120	240	74	107	320	343	221
	%	232	218	80	47	87	49	175	69	131	44	58	199	304	210

Note: January to December rainfalls are based upon MORECS figures supplied by the Meteorological Office.
 Scottish RPB data for Mar 1990 are estimated from the isohyetal map of March rainfall in the MORECS bulletin.

TABLE 2 RAINFALL RETURN PERIOD ESTIMATES

		JAN - MAR 90		OCT 89 - MAR 90		NOV 88 - MAR 90	
		Est Return Period, years		Est Return Period, years		Est Return Period, years	
England and Wales	mm	268		559		1170	
	% LTA	127	5-10	117	5-10	89	5-10
NRA REGIONS							
North West	mm	389		704		1600	
	% LTA	147	20-50	113	2-5	93	2-5
Northumbrian	mm	257		438		988	
	% LTA	130	5-10	99	2	79	20-50
Severn Trent	mm	242		502		1019	
	% LTA	139	10-20	129	10-20	93	2-5
Yorkshire	mm	232		455		999	
	% LTA	120	2-5	107	2-5	84	10-20
Anglia	mm	145		320		750	
	% LTA	108	2-5	106	2-5	87	5-10
Thames	mm	208		446		892	
	% LTA	134	5-10	124	5-10	89	5
Southern	mm	247		508		957	
	% LTA	134	5-10	116	2-5	83	10
Wessex	mm	296		633		1184	
	% LTA	147	10-20	135	10-20	94	2-5
South West	mm	421		851		1626	
	% LTA	139	10-20	124	5-10	92	2-5
Welsh	mm	447		900		1775	
	% LTA	140	10-20	122	2-5	91	2-5
Scotland	mm	669		1004		2393	
	% LTA	201	>200	129	20-50	116	20-50
RIVER PURIFICATION BOARDS							
Highland	mm	1040		1482		3041	
	% LTA	253	>200	154	>200	118	20-50
North-East	mm	344		522		1223	
	% LTA	151	20-50	99	2-5	79	50-100
Tay	mm	644		919		2023	
	% LTA	221	>200	138	20-50	105	2-5
Forth	mm	561		789		1771	
	% LTA	229	>200	139	50-100	105	2-5
Tweed	mm	405		574		1299	
	% LTA	184	>200	114	2-5	86	10
Solway	mm	632		953		2157	
	% LTA	195	>200	125	10-20	99	2-5
Clyde	mm	880		1301		2981	
	% LTA	232	>200	142	100-200	116	10-20

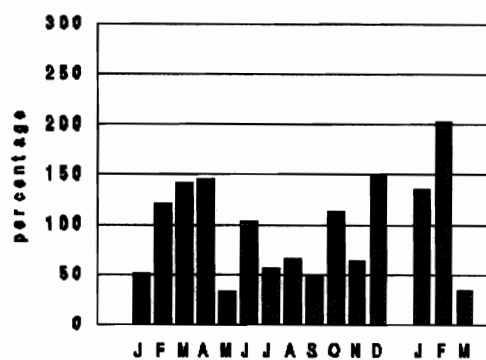
Return period assessments are based on tables provided by the Meteorological Office*. These assume a start in a specified month; return periods for a start in any month may be expected to be an order of magnitude less.

The tables reflect rainfall totals over the period 1911-70 only and the estimate assumes a sensibly stable climate.

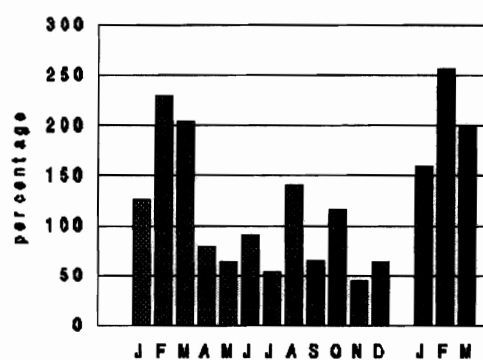
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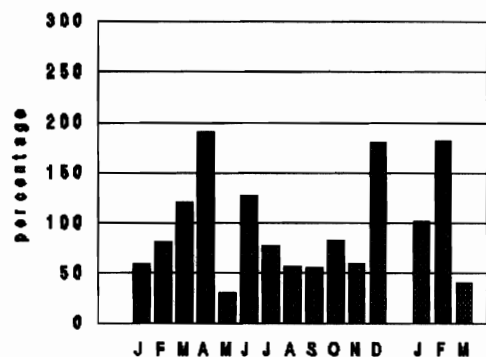
FIGURE 1. MONTHLY RAINFALL FOR 1989 – 1990 AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE 1941 – 1970 AVERAGE FOR ENGLAND & WALES, SCOTLAND, AND THE NRA REGIONS



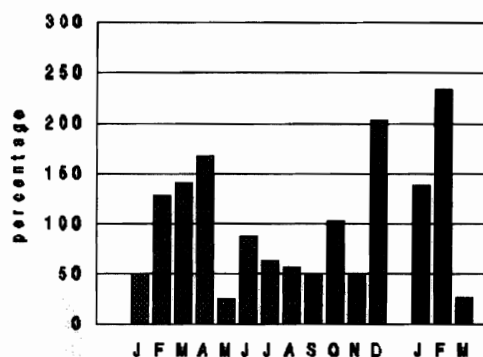
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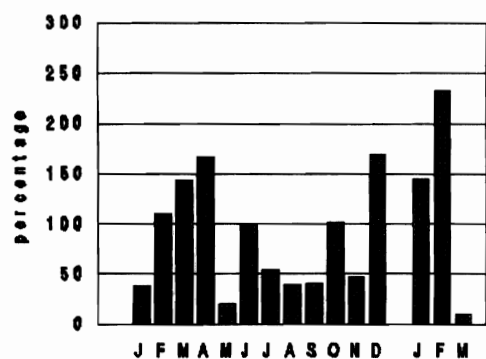
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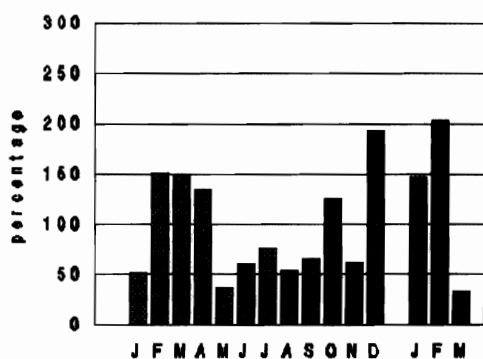
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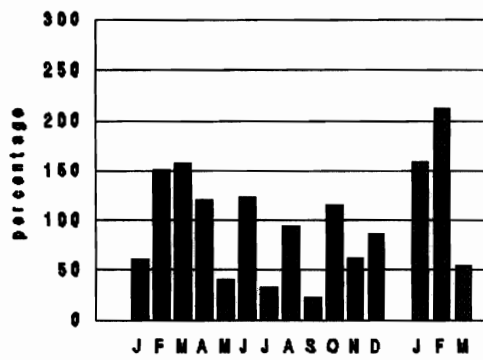


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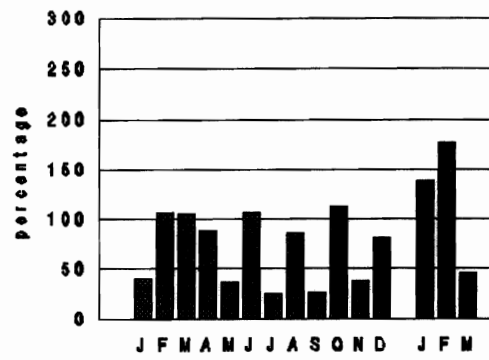


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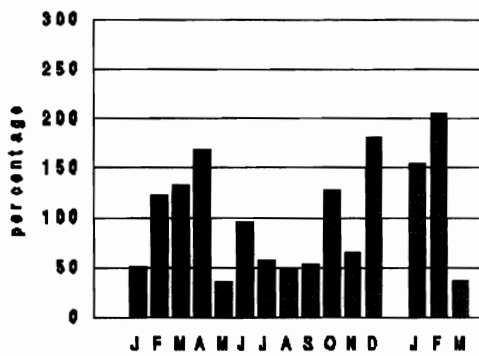
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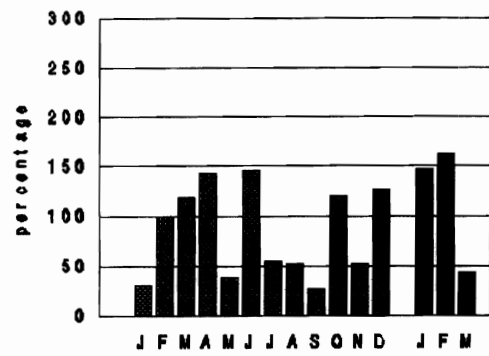
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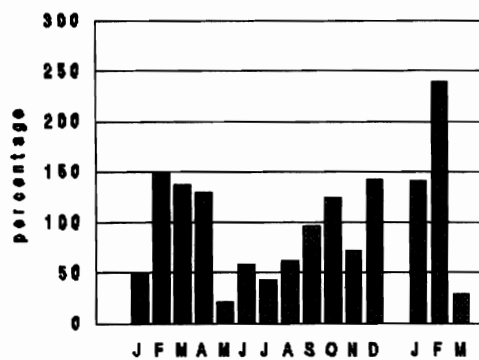
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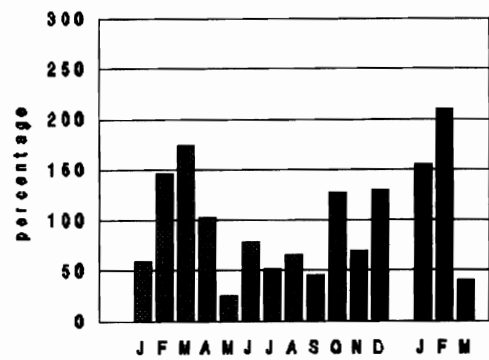
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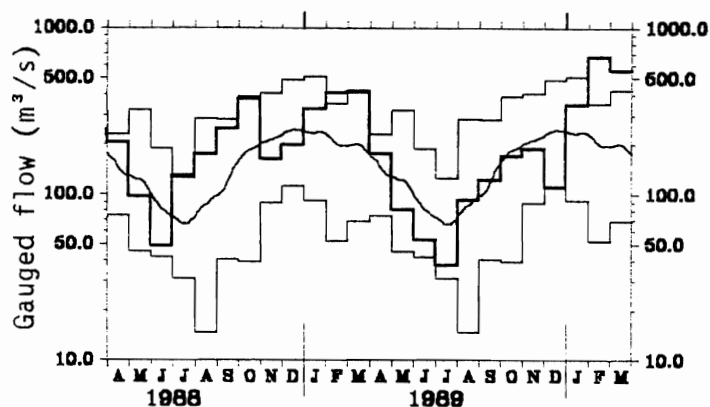
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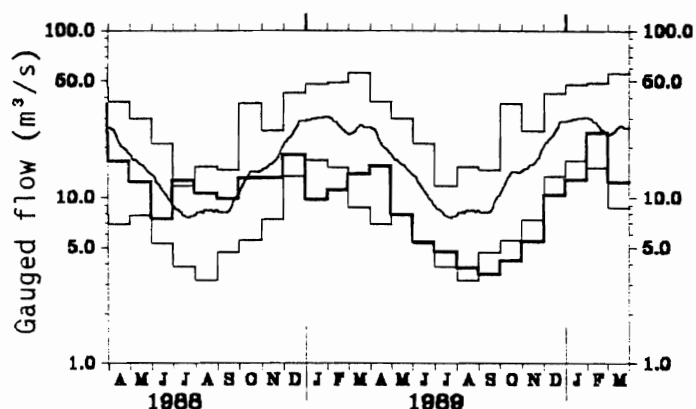
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FIGURE 2 MONTHLY RIVER FLOW HYDROGRAPHS

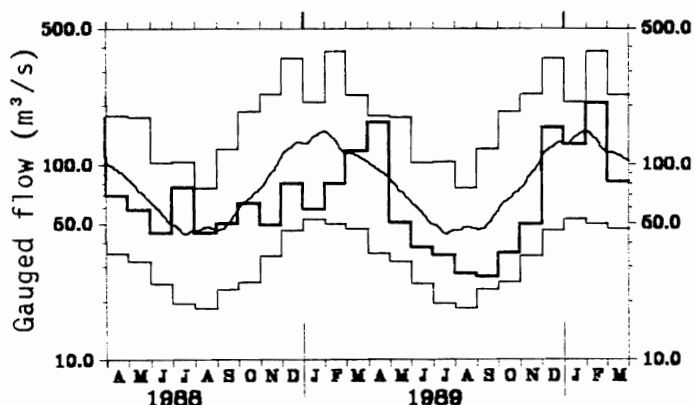
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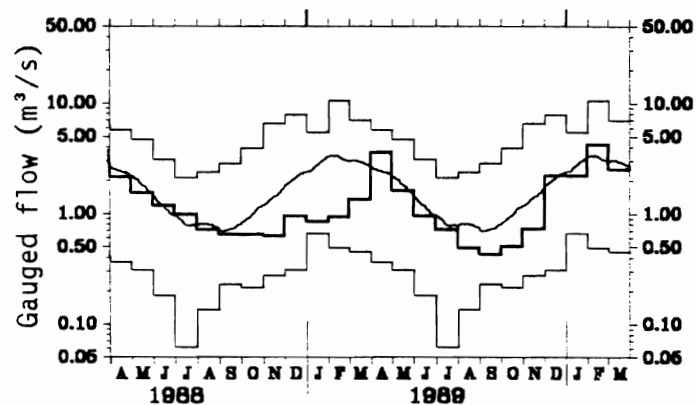
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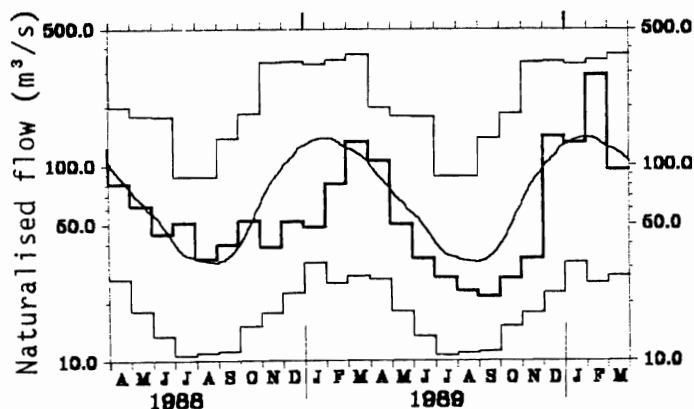
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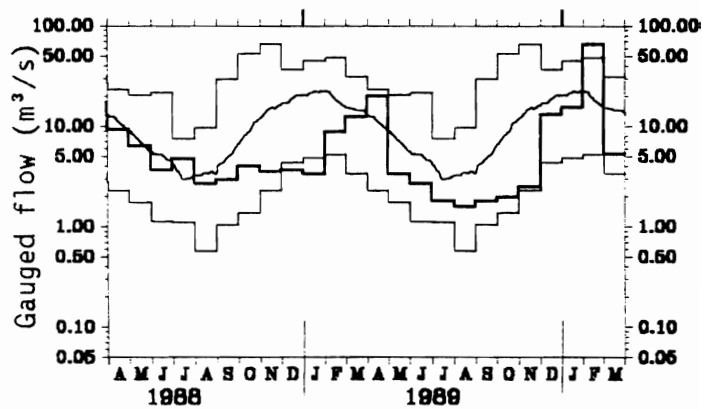
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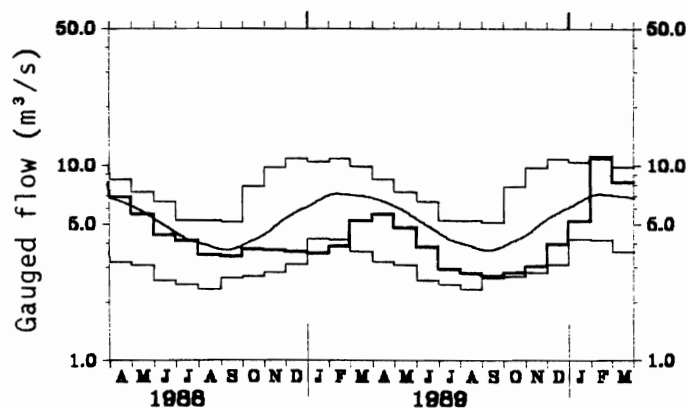
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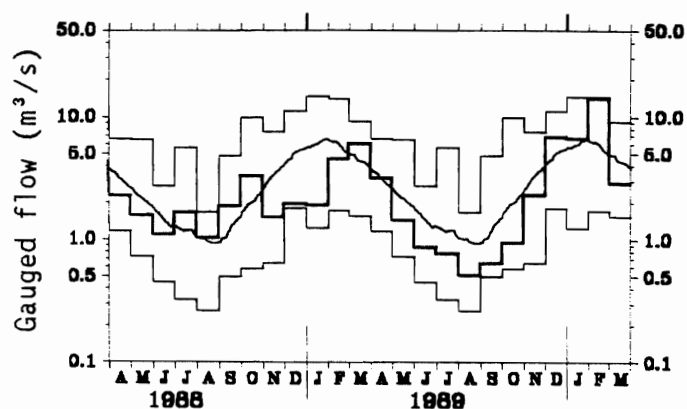
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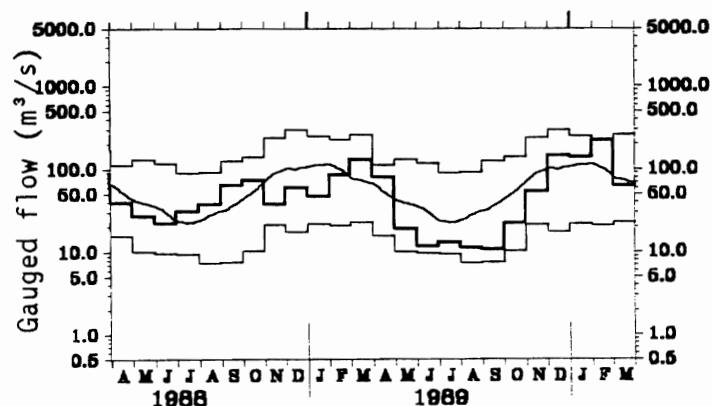
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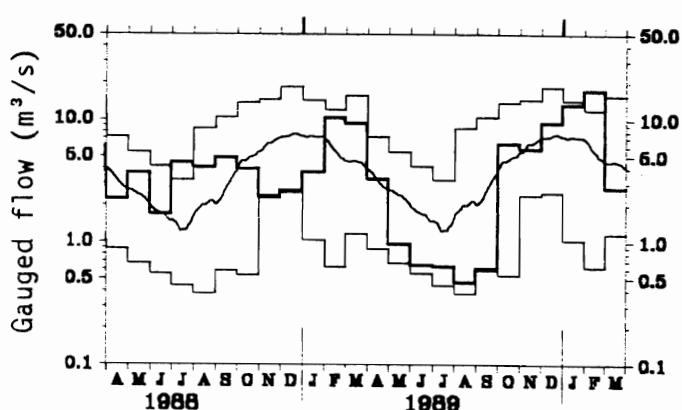
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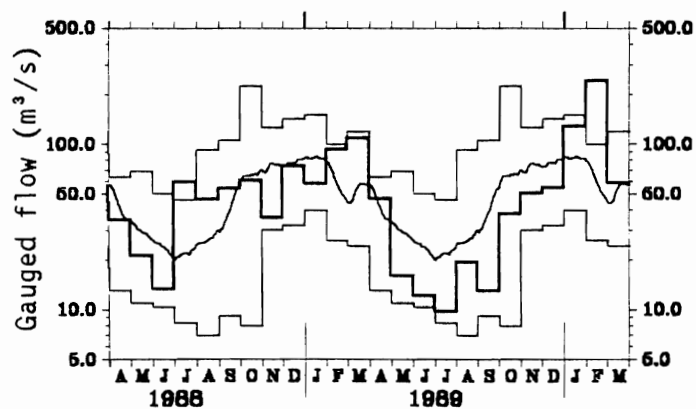
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Monthly mean flows for Apr 1988-Mar 1990
+ extremes and 30 day running mean for 1957-1987



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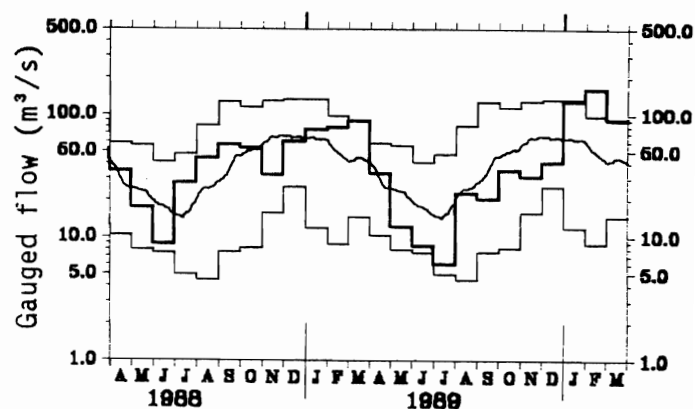


TABLE 3 RUNOFF AS MM. AND AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE PERIOD OF RECORD AVERAGE WITH SELECTED PERIODS RANKED IN THE RECORD

River/ Station name	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Mar	10/89	5/89	11/88	
	1989								1990		1990		to	to	to	
	3/90	3/90	3/90	3/90	3/90	3/90	3/90	3/90	3/90	3/90	3/90	3/90	3/90	3/90	3/90	
	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	mm	rank	mm	rank	mm	rank
	%LT	%LT	%LT	%LT	%LT	%LT	%LT	%LT	%LT	%LT	%LT	/yrs	%LT	/yrs	%LT	/yrs
Dee at Park	48 72	23 60	11 38	17 50	29 67	34 41	37 48	43 47	79 85	165 236	103 115	12 /18	461 90	4 /17	590 82	2 /17
Tay at Ballathie	47 66	30 66	22 55	54 104	69 97	99 89	106 88	65 45	201 144	353 331	324 275	38 /38	1148 151	38 /38	1370 131	35 /37
Tweed at Boleside	25 57	16 56	11 40	27 68	29 55	32 44	35 40	60 64	175 177	245 345	105 137	22 /29	651 128	29 /29	760 109	18 /28
Wharfe at Flint Mill Weir	15 38	13 51	10 37	14 33	10 21	39 60	29 36	44 45	126 128	142 192	59 79	14 /35	438 90	12 /35	500 75	4 /34
Derwent at Buttercrambe	13 50	9 51	8 58	6 42	5 37	6 25	9 35	15 36	22 43	37 86	21 45	2 /17	113 51	1 /17	155 51	1 /16
Trent at Colwick	18 70	13 67	12 74	10 59	9 52	13 54	17 55	56 127	45 88	66 152	29 71	8 /32	226 97	14 /32	288 88	10 /31
Dove at Marston on Dove	24 66	17 63	17 73	12 50	10 40	16 47	29 60	59 91	68 98	78 142	41 76	8 /29	290 90	10 /29	369 81	4 /27
Lud at Louth	15 52	12 56	10 59	9 64	8 69	9 72	8 53	12 59	12 38	21 57	21 55	4 /22	83 56	3 /22	138 60	4 /21
Witham at Claypole Mill	14 87	8 80	6 84	4 56	4 63	5 57	6 49	20 105	20 76	34 126	23 86	14 /31	107 91	14 /31	144 88	13 /31
Colne at Lexden	6 67	4 73	5 119	3 73	5 115	3 34	5 39	14 82	11 46	35 193	9 48	6 /31	78 80	9 /31	101 80	8 /30
Mimram at Panshanger Park	11 88	9 82	9 92	7 77	6 73	6 71	6 68	10 98	11 94	15 127	15 112	25 /38	62 97	18 /37	102 90	11 /37
Thames at Kingston (natr.)	13 74	9 71	7 74	6 68	6 67	7 52	9 41	38 126	33 88	70 212	25 80	42 /108	184 111	70 /107	225 101	58 /107
Coln at Bibury	30 89	18 66	15 70	13 76	10 69	10 61	15 60	39 98	56 107	100 184	71 132	23 /27	291 121	22 /27	376 106	16 /26
Mole at Kinnersley Manor	16 57	19 106	12 93	11 71	11 61	15 38	16 36	81 123	64 85	153 317	21 42	2 /16	350 106	11 /15	419 100	9 /15
Medway at Teston	7 47	6 60	4 62	3 41	4 40	4 21	5 16	28 69	33 66	125 336	11 35	3 /33	207 100	18 /29	230 91	12 /26
Itchen at Highbridge+Allbrook	36 84	27 77	22 71	21 73	20 75	21 68	22 63	29 68	39 79	74 150	61 117	27 /32	246 96	16 /32	371 89	8 /31
Stour at Throop Mill	15 62	11 68	8 70	6 55	6 49	8 35	15 46	74 134	66 106	154 271	46 89	8 /18	365 127	15 /17	417 115	14 /17
Tone at Bishops Hull	19 67	11 61	10 63	7 55	9 57	13 47	29 68	91 136	88 108	170 233	38 66	9 /30	429 122	24 /29	484 110	18 /29
Brue at Lovington	15 62	7 45	6 35	5 31	5 32	6 20	16 37	98 144	77 108	125 213	26 51	3 /26	348 107	17 /25	386 93	11 /25
Severn at Bewdley	12 50	7 39	8 56	7 40	6 27	14 41	32 59	81 130	84 118	123 215	39 85	34 /69	383 118	51 /69	423 101	37 /69
Teme at Knightsford Bridge	12 55	5 34	3 35	2 22	2 23	4 19	17 50	101 190	93 138	118 221	34 66	8 /20	365 130	19 /20	392 115	18 /20
Yscir at Pontaryscir	18 40	10 32	11 49	8 25	11 22	90 97	125 101	209 140	225 152	228 225	65 59	6 /18	942 125	17 /17	1000 108	11 /17
Cynon at Abercynon	24 39	16 38	16 46	12 23	15 21	160 132	139 90	238 126	331 175	393 308	70 60	11 /32	1330 145	32 /32	1413 119	26 /30
Dee at New Inn	23 32	34 57	23 33	34 35	36 25	226 113	169 68	224 90	388 161	344 217	90 51	4 /21	1441 112	17 /21	1591 92	7 /20
Lune at Caton	20 39	14 34	12 23	44 61	13 14	121 99	81 60	84 54	266 182	298 332	77 80	14 /28	947 125	24 /26	1037 97	13 /26
Eden at Sheepmount	19 56	14 53	11 39	24 75	15 33	44 57	45 53	52 58	149 147	253 392	68 104	13 /20	636 130	18 /19	717 111	13 /18
Clyde at Blairston	19 52	13 50	9 36	36 91	31 54	55 68	47 48	64 62	200 196	227 319	143 202	32 /32	737 138	31 /32	845 117	24 /31

Notes (i) Values based on gauged flow data unless flagged (natr.), when naturalised data have been used.

(ii) Values are ranked so that lowest runoff as rank 1;

(iii) %LT means percentage of long term average from the start of the record to 1988. For the long periods (at the right of this table), the end date for the long term is 1990.

FIGURE 3 GROUNDWATER HYDROGRAPHS

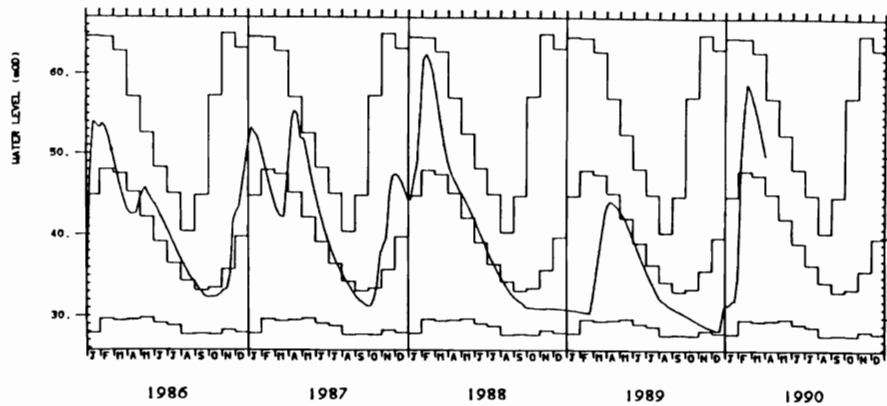
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Well number, SU71/23

Aquifer, CHALK AND UPPER GREENSAND

Measuring level, 81.37



Max, Min and Mean values calculated from years 1894 TO 1989

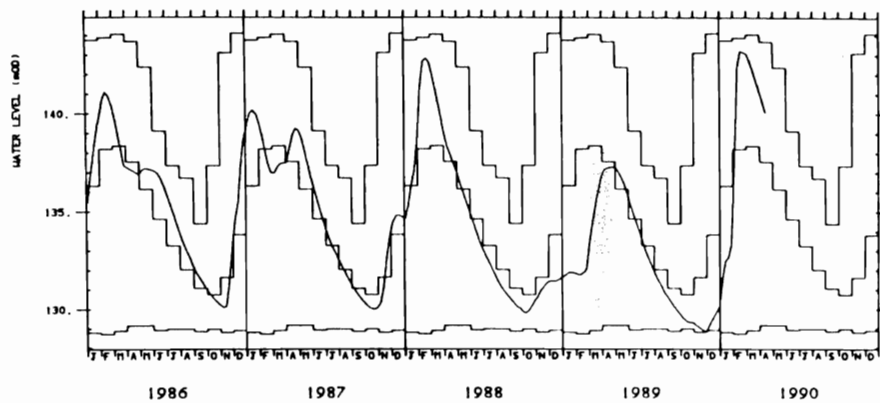
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Aquifer, CHALK AND UPPER GREENSAND

Measuring level, 146.39



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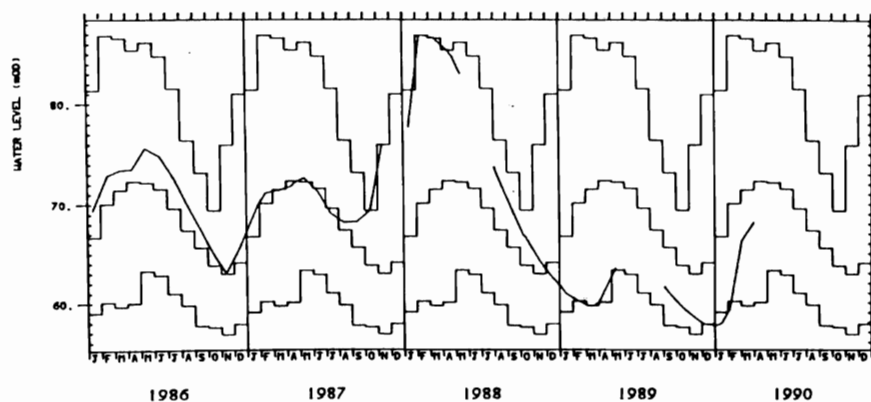
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National grid reference, TR 1225 4690

Well number, TR14/9

Aquifer, CHALK AND UPPER GREENSAND

Measuring level, 87.33



Max, Min and Mean values calculated from years 1971 TO 1989

A break in the data line indicates a recording interval of greater than 8 weeks

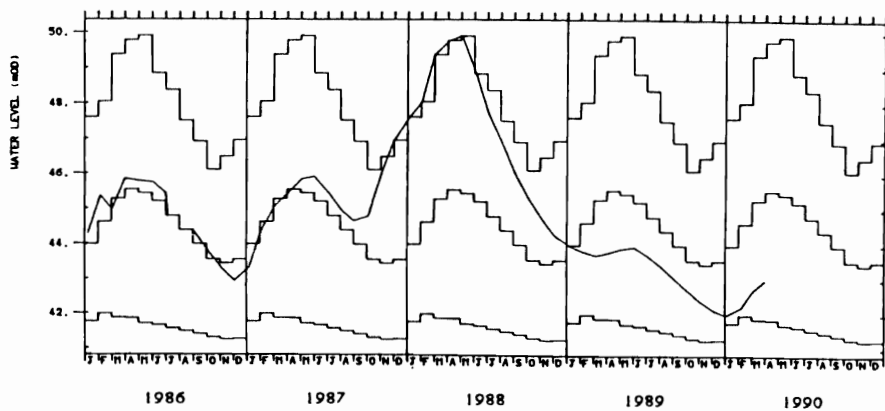
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Aquifer, CHALK AND UPPER GREENSAND

Measuring level, 80.20



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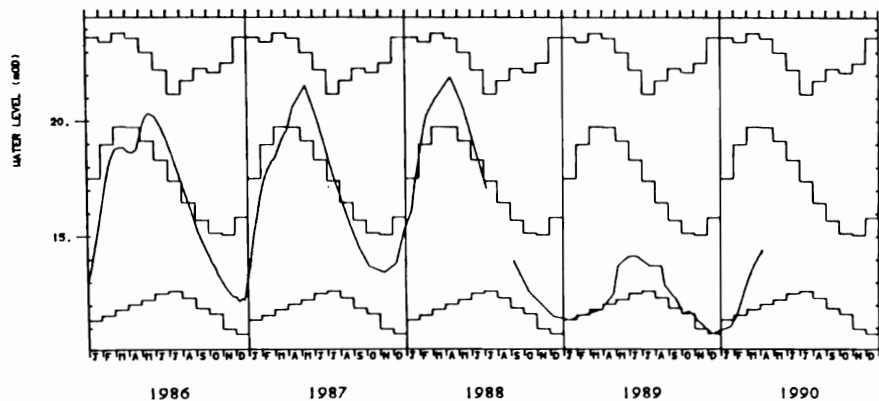
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Well number, SE94/5

Aquifer, CHALK AND UPPER GREENSAND

Measuring level, 33.50



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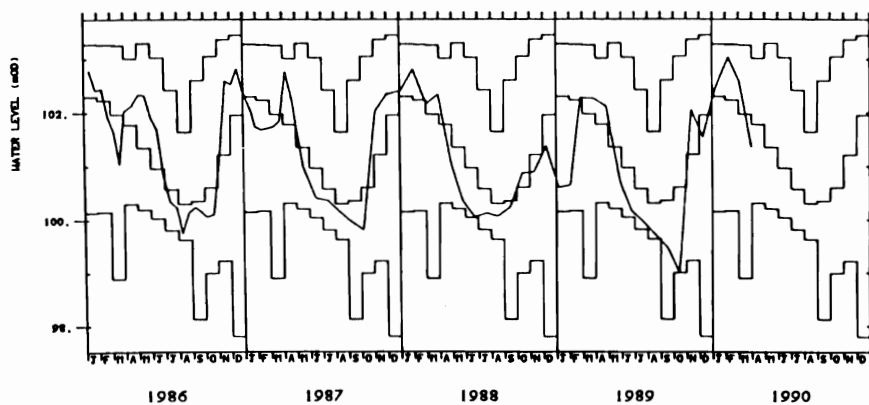
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Well number, SP00/62

Aquifer, MIDDLE JURASSIC

Measuring level, 109.70



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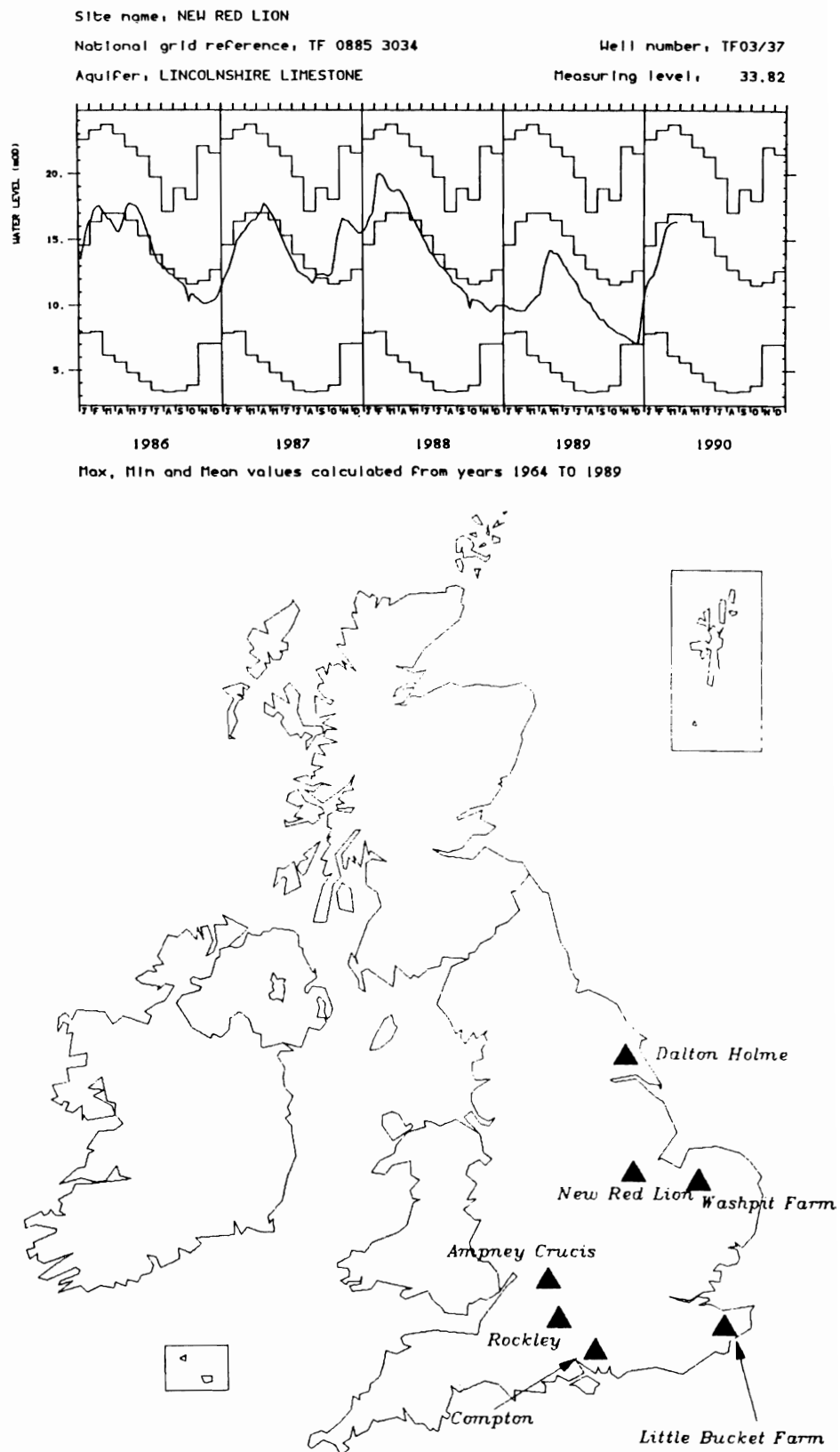


FIGURE 4 LOCATION MAP OF GROUNDWATER INDEX WELLS

TABLE 4 RISE IN GROUNDWATER LEVELS AT CERTAIN INDICATOR WELL SITES FOR THE WINTER OF 1989-90, AND THE CALCULATED PERCENTAGE OF MEAN ANNUAL RECHARGE SO FAR RECEIVED.

Site	Latest date of measurement	Approximate rise in groundwater levels (metres)	Mean annual range (metres)	Percentage of mean annual recharge
Compton House	02 04 90	31.8	21.8	146
Rockley	04 04 90	14.6	10.9	134
Little Bucket Farm	02 04 90	10.4*	11.4	91
Washpit Farm	04 04 90	1.0*	2.9	34
Dalton Holme	09 04 90	3.7*	7.1	52
Ampney Crucis	02 04 90	4 1	3.1	132
New Red Lion	27 03 90	9.3	9.2	101

For sites marked by *, groundwater levels were still rising at the latest date of measurement.